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Dear Mr. Ferns:

This is to ask you to protect the ecologically significant lands, as a continuous whole, at Hanford. This is one of the last places in eastern Washington supporting large areas of native shrub-steppe vegetation & some of which is endangered related wildlife. Please support the Preferred Alternative, with these amendments:

The Arid Lands Ecology Reserve, the McGee Ranch, DOE's Wahluke Slope, the Hanford Reach, & the Columbia River Islands should be managed as a permanent Nat. Wildlife Refuge, w/ no agriculture mining or livestock grazing permitted.

The DOE should issue separate decisions for the above areas to speed things up. Sincerely,

Thomas B. & Veronika Eubay Coyle

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